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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

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January 11, 2005

Sir:

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§1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language translation of the German Office Action. In addition, EP 0 717 357 B1 is an English language equivalent of DE 695 29 728 T2.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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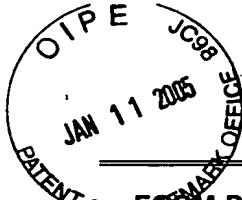
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
						YES	NO
	DE 695 29 728 T2	12-1995	Germany				
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